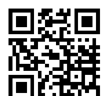
Ooty

Usually referred to as the Queen of hill stations, Ooty is a picturesque little town amidst serene lakes, lofty mountains, and sprawling grasslands. It is situated at an altitude of 2,240 meters above sea level and has abundant vegetation and tea gardens. A huge number of tourists are attracted to the annual Tea and Tourism Festival which takes place here every year.







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Ooty (Udhagamandalam) is nurtured in the Nilgiris or the 'Blue Mountains', it is a spellbinding little hill station in Tamil Nadu. As a highlight of Ooty tourism, it has pleasant weather all year round that makes it a perfect getaway destination in the summer. The lush green tea plantations and dense forests offer stunning vistas. South India's most famous hill station was a realm of tribal people and shola forests till the British annexed the Nilgiris in 1799 and John Sullivan, Collector of Coimbatore, made the first stone house here in 1823.

Ooty has been an all time favourite location of Bollywood. Remember the song 'Chaiyya Chaiyya' from the movie Dil Se? Yes, those are the Ooty railway tracks with an alluring backdrop, where you see Shahrukh Khan dancing off with Malaika. Many blockbusters have been shot here, like Saajan, Raja Hindustani, Andaz Apna Apna, Raaz, and Maine Pyar Kia, to name a few.Over the years, Ooty- hardly ever called by its original name, Udhagamandalam- took its place as a Nilgiris tea-plantation hot spot. It served as the summer headquarters of the sahibs who ruled from Madras and got its own churches, bungalows and picnic spots. Much of which now makes it one of the most popular holiday destinations in India. During the holiday season, Ooty can be extremely crowded. But the secret to getting the best out of this 'Queen of the Nilgiris' is: spend time in the periphery of the town and visit it during the off-season. You will get a heady cocktail of rolling hills, tea plantations, villages, unbridled greenery, unexpected lakes. In the off season - when every comfort is still on offer and an umbrella and a change of socks can see you through much - look out for sharp fragrance of ghostly pines lining misty roads. The sun lighting up a hill even as the one beside it remains shrouded in dark velvet; ponies chomping grass by the kerb; acacias in full bloom; the bright gold of witches' broom dotting every hill; the aroma of hot filter coffee and even hotter sambhar.The exhilarating train journey commencing from Kallar to Coonoor is a marvellous experience and is extremely popular among tourists. Ooty tourism helps you to experience the pristine beauty of the place and the calm that it offers. The scenic destination is actually a fantastic option if you are planning a trip to a place cradled in the lap of nature. A land filled with picturesque hot spots for picnics, Ooty is often the best option for anyone looking forward to long summer vacation or a weekend getaway.

When To VISIT



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Jan

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max:	Min:	Rain:
30.799999237060547°C	18.799999237060547°C	6.099999904632568mm

Feb

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max:	Min:	Rain:
33.5°C	20.0°C	11.199999809265137mm

Mar

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max:	Min:	Rain:
35.70000076293945°C	21.899999618530273°C	23.399999618530273mm

Apr

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max:	Min:	Rain:
36.099998474121094°C	23.600000381469727°C	44.20000076293945mm

May

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.

Max:	Min:	Rain:
34.799999237060555°C	23.600000381469727°C	65.5mm

Jun

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max: 32.29999923706055°C	Min: 22.70000076 2939453°C	Rain: 37.900001525878906mm

Jul

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max: 31.29999923 7060547°C	Min: 22.10000038 1469727°C	Rain: 27.200000762939453mm

Aug

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max: 31.79999923 7060547°C	Min: 22.10000038 1469727°C	Rain: 30.799999237060547mm

Sep

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max: 32.5°C	Min: 22.20000076 2939453°C	Rain: 49.79999923706055mm

Oct

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.

Max: 31.5°C	Min: 22.10000038 1469727°C	Rain: 164.0mm

Nov

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.

Max: 29.79999923 7060547°C	Min: 21.0°C	Rain: 137.60000610351562mm

Dec

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max: 29.39999961 8530273°C	Min: 19.0°C	Rain: 42.599998474121094mm

What To

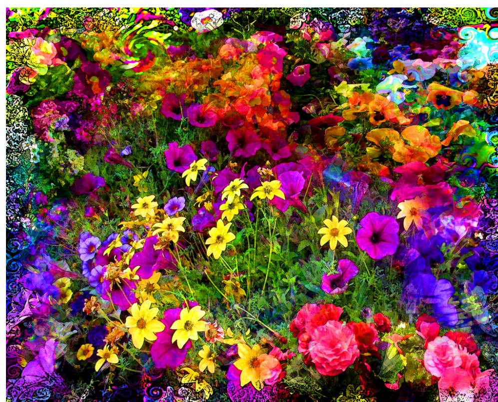
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5 Sights

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1 Thread Garden



When it's a bright day in Ooty, you should visit the
Thread Garden. It is a artificial plant kingdom which displays magnificent flowers, plants and lawns. Everything in the garden is fabricated from thread, even the beautiful canvases and flowers made of wires are breathtakingly amazing to see. It is a place in Ooty that should be in your itinerary, if you are looking for a fun and relaxing time! Don't miss the
Thread Garden if you are a true art lover.

2 Upper Bhavani Lake





Garden Road, The Nilgiris, Ooty, Tamil Nadu 643001, India

Upper Bhavani Lake, Ooty can make for the memories of a lifetime with its sheer beauty. With the entire area being declared as a reserved wildlife area, the drive up to the lake is equally enchanting. The blue Nilgiris that stand out at the horizon by the lake make the sight look like some postcard that's nothing less than picture perfect. One touch and the postcard may go smudge at the touch - such is the beauty of this place.

The dam at the
Upper Bhavani Lake provides water for irrigation and more to the region around. Owing to its proximity to Mukurthi National Park, the area around the lake is a habitat to species like wolves, jackals, wild dogs, tigers and more. Thus, apart from the wondrous beauty of the place, it's a great attraction for the adventure lovers too.

3 Government Botanical Gardens





Near Hebron School, The Nilgiris, Ooty, Tamil Nadu 643001, India

Ooty Botanical Garden is a hub for nature lovers. The Rose Garden is a small terrace atop a hill off Etiennes Road. The season to be here is April when more than a thousand varieties are in bloom. In other seasons, the garden will seem drab and can be given a skip. Sprawling for over 22 hectares, These gardens are situated on the slopes of the Doddabetta peak, with a terrace type layout to add to the charm. Established in 1847, these are the mind work of the famous architect William Graham McIvor. With over a thousand different species of flora making for a lush stretch, Ooty Botanical Gardens are much more than just a relief to city weary eyes. It has an impressive array of ferns, plants, shrubs, herbs and bonsai plants that are a major draw.

Ooty Botanical Garden are divided into six areas, which includes the Lower Garden, New Garden, Italian Garden, Conservatory, Fountain Terrace and Nurseries. A riot of colours await you at the widely spreading flower beds that are an intrinsic part of Ooty Botanical Gardens. It also hosts an exhibition of rare plant species in May every year, another reason to visit this wonder work of nature.

Ooty Botanical Garden is also a popular

haunt of the tourist, and offers a variety of trees, shrubs and flowers. People come here to lounge in the lawns and walk among the shady trees and plants. One of the oldest botanical gardens in the country, it began life in the 1840s as a vegetable garden to supply veggies to Ooty's residents. Trees and plants from all over the world were brought here over the years.

4 Emerald Lake

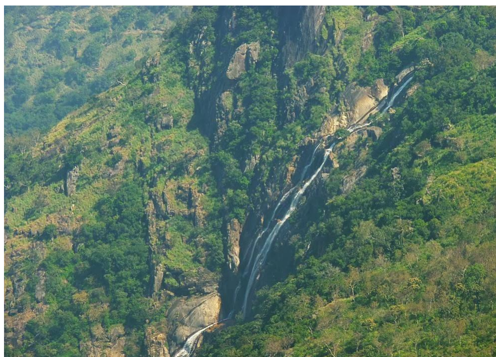


Emerald Village, The Nilgiris, Ooty, Tamil Nadu 623704, India

Nestled in the Nilgiris, Emerald Lake is a sight to behold. Equally visited for the flora and fauna around it, Emerald Lake is a favourite spot for picnics. Tourists from Ooty often throng to the lake to soak in the natural beauty that's splattered all around. A perfect place for the lovers of solitude, it's situated in a region that's hailed as 'silent valley'. Surrounded by tea plantations and acres of rolling meadows, the lake is a great place for the lovers of photography.

You might also come across Ornithologists here, for the lake and the adjoining area teems with exotic species of birds. Needless to say, the lake also boasts of a humongous variety of fish. You can also go bird watching, trekking, biking or a simple stroll by the lake.

5 Catherine Falls



Mettupalayam Road, 8 Km From Kotagiri, Kotagiri Coonoor, Tamil Nadu 643217, India

A double-cascaded waterfall in Coonoor, Catherine Falls is a major hotspot for tourists in India. One can take a picturesque snap of the falls from the Dolphin's Nose. The height of these falls is about 250 ft and has been named after M.D. Cockburn's wife, the lady who was behind the introduction of coffee plantations in Kotagiri. Not many of you would know that the upper fall is believed to be the second highest in the Nilgiris. It is also possible to take a road to the top of the falls

Where To



Eat

5 Places

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1 Earl's Secret



Havelock Road, Kings Cliff Hotel, Police Quarters, Pudumund, Ooty, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu 643001, India

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Tucked in the hills of Ooty, Earl's Secret is nothing less than a treasure trove. With flowers and green wilds all around, the drive to this vintage restaurant will lure the foodie in you.

Perhaps, adding another reason to the hunger pangs you might be having is the fact that it's an old bungalow, dating back to the rule and times of the British, with the food served here that has a distinct English quality. The restaurant looks like a glasshouse, and the menu has the choicest of Continental and Chinese cuisines.

2 The Garden Cafe



C/O Nahar's Nilgiris Hotel, 52 A, Charring Cross, Ooty, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, 643001, India

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This in-house restaurant at Nahar Nilgiris Hotel specialises in doling out the best of South Indian delicacies. Be it the super savoury dosas, the nutty upma or the perfectly made uttapams, The Garden Cafe has got it all.

Adding more to its charm is the surprisingly low price quotient, making it a delight for

the ravenous foodie in you. One must-try here is the Vegetable Uttapam. Foodies swear by the softness of the idlis here, with a regular and steady flow of locals and tourists stepping in for a quick bite.

3 Willy's Coffee Pub



1st Floor, KCR Arcade, Walsham Road, Ooty, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, 643001, India

With a cosy library, friendly staff, great location and food that you can die for, Willy's Coffee Pub is a great place to grab a bite or two. Savour the crusty pizzas, rolls, sandwiches, cakes, chapati wraps and more. It has an English, old world feel, with the breakfast options adhering to the English way of dining.

You wouldn't have tasted coffee that's as rich as the one served here. And yes, there's the very sumptuous Banana Walnut Cake too. If nothing else, you won't be able to resist a cup of simple Nescafe here. Apart from the food, the library at Willy's has a rare collection, which you'll enjoy over a cup or two. Plus, you can also play a game or two, with ample of board games stacked here.

4 Ponmari Multicuisine Restaurant



No, 26D, Kotagiri Road, Charring Cross, Ooty, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, 643001, India

+91-423-2452448

A fine blend of Indian and International cuisines is what you get here, at the in-house restaurant of Hotel Ponmari Residency. With an ambience that's strictly South Indian, you'll be surprised by the authentic Continental and Chinese, apart from the South Indian fare, that's served here. Dining at Ponmari is an experience in itself, for the restaurant overlooks the green hills that encompass the area all around.

5 Quality Restaurant



Coronation Avenue, Church Hill Road, Ooty, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, 643001, India

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Essentially a family restaurant, Quality has something for everyone. From the vadas of South India to the butter-oozing paranthas of Punjab, it seems to have a spread that will enamour you no end.

The buffet here is a big draw, with the delectable chicken biryani, paranthas and some Chinese food as well. Don't forget to dig into the non vegetarian dishesh here. With an ambience that feels cosy, Quality Restaurant is a favourite with tourists and locals alike.

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